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In re U.S. Patent Application of

Kambara *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR TESTING NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCE

Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0055



Art Unit: 1634

Examiner:
Fredman, Jeffrey N.Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	26	26	6 (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	4	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
with claim amendments

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Substitute Specification

[] Other _____

[] Petition for Extension of Time ____-month

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson w/ _____ pages of drawings

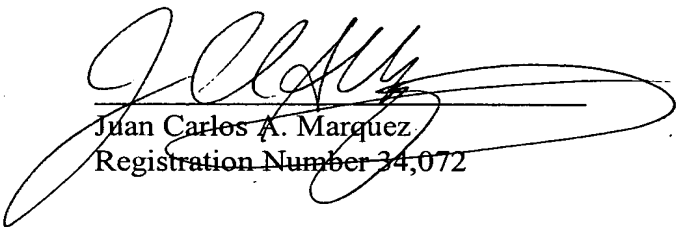
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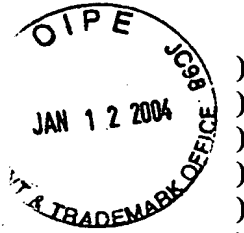
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003 the shortened period for response to which will expire on January 18, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group I, drawn to methods of nucleic acid amplification, without traverse. Claims 1 to 14, 25 and 26 pertain to the elected group.